5,000 sacked UBL officers seek MPs' help

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ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: Over 5,000 sacked officers of the UBL have sought help from the members of parliament in the reinstatement of those employees whose reinstatement have been recommended by the review committee of parliament set up by the prime minister.

In a SOS to the members of the National Assembly and Senate, these sacked employees have referred to the prime minister's announcement at the Overseas Investors Conference in December last to reinstate the retrenched officers.

They appealed to the members of parliament to raise this issue on the floor of both the houses and exert pressure on the bank's management to reinstate them and save them and their families from further starvation and suffering.

These retrenched officers are leading a very miserable life and their plight is unexplainable. They even face starvation and their innocent little kids have been deprived of education.

According to these officers, the president of UBL appointed hundreds of retrenched officers of the Citibank as "consultants", and was paying them three times higher salary than the salary of the sacked officers.

The government constituted a subcommittee of the cabinet under the chairmanship of Pir Sabir Shah, political advisor to the prime minister, to look into the matter and redress the grievances of the sacked officers.

This committee held its meeting in Dec last and called for appeals from retrenched officers, who neither received their dues from the UBL nor had any litigations against the government/bank. As a result, some 1,142 affectees approached this committee out of which only 298 were recommended and passed by the UBL's president. The committee decided to re-employ these officers in other financial institutions, but so far no substantial progress have been made. Neither a single officer has been reinstated or re-employed, nor any of them received any salary and benefits as promised by the prime minister.